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a pull element (25) to provide relative movements in each ramp mechanism, which movements are associated with adjustment movements transverse to the base frame (4) and auxiliary frame (6).

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[Amend claim 11 as follows:]

11. (twice amended) Oven (2) comprising a conveyor belt system (1) according to claim 15, a tank (34) to hold a quantity of cooking oil and a cover (35) for covering the tank, the conveyor belt system (1) being located in said tank (34).

Cancel claim 14.

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Add the following new claim:

15. (new) Oven (2) comprising a conveyor belt system (1), a tank (34) to hold a quantity of cooking oil and a cover (35) for covering the tank, the conveyor belt system (1) being located in said tank (34), the conveyor belt system comprising a feed belt (3), accommodated in a base frame (4), and a top belt (5), located above the feed belt (3) and accommodated in an auxiliary frame (6), for transporting the products through the bath of liquid between the top belt (5) and the feed belt (3), as well an adjustable support mechanism (14, 15) for adjusting the distance between the feed belt (3) and top belt (5), which support mechanism (14, 15) comprises further adjustable supports

(14, 15) by means of which the auxiliary frame (6) is supported on the base frame (4), all said supports (14, 15) being mechanically coupled to one another by coupling means (23), a drive (27) for said coupling means (23) to effect simultaneous adjustment of all said supports (14, 15) thereby to change the distance between said belts (3, 5), said drive (27) for the coupling means (23) being located outside the tank and cover.

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Claim 1 is replaced by a new claim 15 which recites the drive 27 for the coupling means 23 to effect simultaneous adjustment of all the supports 14, 15, thereby to change the distance between the belts 3, 5, this drive 27 for the coupling means 23 being located outside the tank and cover.

This arrangement overcomes the drawback of the prior art recited in page 1, lines 24-28 of the present specification, namely, that in the prior art the adjustment mechanisms are located immediately alongside the bath containing hot oil. Therefore, the cover first has to be raised for adjustment. Adjustment then has to be carried out in the oil fumes being given off, which is unpleasant and can be dangerous.

By contrast, as is pointed out on page 3, lines 12-14 of our specification, in the present invention, the drive for the coupling means is located outside the tank and cover. It is now no longer necessary to lift the cover in order to adjust the